

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF VERMONT



In re:)
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ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE) Case No. 24-10205
OF BURLINGTON VERMONT,) Chapter 11
)
Debtor.)

**EXTENDED INTERIM ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEBTOR TO PAY CERTAIN
ACCRUED AND OUTSTANDING PENSION, BENEFITS, AND RELATED AMOUNTS FOR
RETIRED PRIESTS IN THE ORDINARY COURSE AND SCHEDULING ORDER**

This matter came before the Court upon consideration of the Emergency Motion and Memorandum for an Order (I) Authorizing the Debtor to Pay Accrued and Outstanding Prepetition Employee Compensation, Benefits, and Related Amounts and (II) Authorizing the Debtor to Maintain Existing Payroll Service (doc. # 8) (the “Motion”) filed by Debtor on September 30, 2024. The Court granted interim relief on the Motion (doc. # 70) and subsequently bifurcated the Motion at the request of Debtor and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) to specifically reserve a final determination on payment of pension, benefits, and related amounts for certain retired priests in the ordinary course. On December 17, 2024, the Court entered an interim order and set the Motion as to certain retired priests for Final Hearing on January 28, 2025 (doc. # 126). At the Final Hearing, Debtor and the Committee reported that while documents have been exchanged, they continue to disagree as to whether certain benefits and related amounts paid to credibly accused priests should be allowed. The parties desire to brief the issue, which has not been fully developed in the record before the Court. Based upon this request and with consideration of the record in this case, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. Debtor shall file with the Court a brief outlining and supporting its position that certain obligations owed to credibly accused priests should continue without interruption no later than February 18, 2025 and shall serve a copy upon all parties in interest.
2. The Committee shall file its response outlining and supporting its position no later than March 11, 2025 and shall serve a copy upon all parties in interest.
3. Should the Court deem a hearing necessary, further hearing on the Motion shall be conducted on March 25, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Federal Building, 11 Elmwood Avenue, Room 200, Burlington, VT 05401.
4. Interim relief granted by this Court on December 17, 2024 (doc. # 126), is hereby extended until the Court issues a final determination on payment of pension, benefits, and related amounts for retired priests.

SO ORDERED.

January 29, 2025
Burlington, Vermont


Heather Z. Cooper
United States Bankruptcy Judge

In re:
Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, Ve
Debtor

Case No. 24-10205-hzc
Chapter 11

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cr	Email/Text: bankruptcy@td.com	Jan 29 2025 19:36:00	TD Bank, N.A., 70 Gray Road, Falmouth, ME 04105

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I, Gustava Winters, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed .R. Bank. P.2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: Jan 31, 2025

Signature: /s/Gustava Winters

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